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Pitino sensed trouble before firing

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Rick Pitino could tell he was in trouble more than three months before he was fired.

University of Louisville board of trustees minutes show Pitino entered its June 28 meeting at 1:12 p.m., just as the board entered executive session to discuss litigation and personnel matters.

When Pitino walked out 35 minutes later, the Hall of Fame coach carried the conviction he was no longer wanted. Ninety days before the FBI made its first arrest in the bribery scandal that has engulfed college basketball, Pitino read the room as executioners awaiting an excuse.

> **"But I'm torn emotionally. It makes me very sad when someone mentions my name in a derogatory way."**
>
> **Rick Pitino**
> Former U of L basketball coach

Pitino recalls former U of L athletic director Tom Jurich telling him neither board chairman David Grissom nor vice chairman "Papa John" Schnatter wanted him there. He remembers Schnatter,

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HOME NO LONGER

Louisville destroys downtown homeless camp amid policy protests

Metro Louisville Police Lt. Todd Felty talks with Byron "Roc" Peeler prior to removing him from a downtown homeless camp Friday. PAT MCDONOGH/ CJ

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Louisville police officers entered Byron "Roc" Peeler's camp Friday morning, helping him off the ground and into a new wheelchair that was donated to him by a homeless outreach group.

They asked him what possessions he wanted to take with him — he made sure the officers grabbed his beanie cap — and escorted him out of the homeless camp filled with tents, trash and blankets between Jefferson Street and an Interstate 65 off-ramp.

Four years ago, Peeler cut the lock on the fence so he could find a place to sleep away from the eyes of motorists and pedestrians. Now he's on his way to St. John Center for Homeless Men, where he will live inside for the first time since cutting the lock.

"I'm nervous," said Peeler, 48, who lost his right leg to frostbite because he was living outside. He says the

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